

FACTSHEET POLLWATCHERS

WHEN ARE THE ELECTIONS?

Primary Election:	Saturday, September 23, 2000
General Election:	Tuesday, November 7, 2000

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS?

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes §11-77, party members may serve as pollwatchers, provided they meet **all** of the following requirements:

- ! Be a registered voter in the State of Hawaii;
- ! Be able to read and write English;
- ! Not be a candidate or parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a candidate. Under HRS § 11-72 (3), no candidate who failed to be nominated in the primary or special primary election shall serve as a precinct official in the following general election.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- ! Observe the conduct of the election in your assigned precinct;
- ! Call to the attention of the Precinct Chair any violation of election laws;
- ! Appeal to the City/County Clerk if the Precinct Chair fails to correct a violation;
- ! Observe the operations of your assigned absentee polling place;
- ! Report any violations at your assigned absentee polling place to the City/County Clerk; and
- ! Volunteer your time and efforts, without compensation from the State or county.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Contract the political party of your choice to volunteer. Each qualified political party is entitled to appoint a pollwatcher to each precinct and absentee polling place where the party's candidates appear on the ballot.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- ! There may be only one pollwatcher per party in a polling area at a time. A designated alternate pollwatcher may relieve another pollwatcher as long as there is no more than one watcher per party at a precinct.
- ! The pollwatcher will be given identification from the chief election officer, which states the watcher's name and the party represented. The precinct chair may also request some form of personal identification to enter the polling place.
- ! The pollwatcher may turn the pages of the poll book upon receiving permission from the precinct chairperson. The precinct chairperson shall grant permission at times when there are reasonable breaks in voting activity.
- ! **at no time are pollwatchers allowed to disrupt the operations of the polling place. Any person who is disorderly or creates a disturbance during any meeting of precinct officials or the Board of Registration during any election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (HRS § 19-60)**

This Factsheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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